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FOR GENERATING BUBBLES ON)	
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FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this *First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement* ("IDS") is hereby submitted. It is a supplement to an Information Disclosure Statement filed in this matter on 11 March 2004.

Applicants submit this *First Supplemental IDS* to comply with the duty of disclosure as codified in 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, this *First Supplemental IDS* is thus filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). This *IDS* contains, and/or is accompanied by, the information required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

Applicants request the Examiner to consider each of the references listed on FORM PTO-1449 (attached hereto), and to enter the same into the record of this application for patent. Pursuant to 37

C.F.R. §1.98(a) and (d), copies of the U.S. patents and publications, if any, listed on FORM(s) PTO-1449 are not provided. Copies of the other non-patent references, if any, listed on FORM(s) PTO-1449, however, accompany this *IDS*.

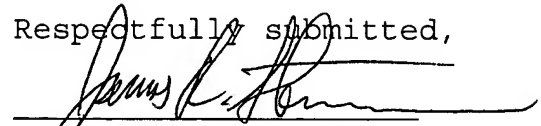
This *First Supplemental IDS* discloses information that may be considered relevant to the above-cited application for patent. Because such information may be deemed relevant to the patentability of the application at issue, the documents listed above are now made of record to assist the USPTO in its examination. The Examiner is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) to consider these documents fully and to independently ascertain their relevance to the pending application.

Certain of the references cited herein or in the accompanying FORM(s) PTO-1449 are not, or may not be, prior art to the application, and therefore Applicants reserve the right to assert that one or more of such references is/are not prior art to this application. In that case, Applicants believe that they may be able to successfully swear behind many, if not all, of such references based on prior conception and/or reduction to practice.

Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to initial the attached PTO-1449 form(s) in the places indicated and to return a copy of such initialed form(s) to the undersigned as evidence that the cited documents were considered during examination of the pending application.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this *IDS*, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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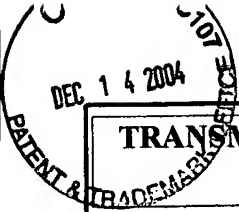
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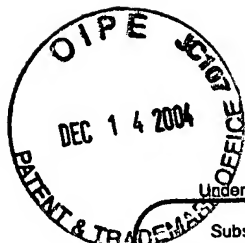
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